

Running the main polarization estimation codes in **/cluster/analysis_dates/qh_analysis/** folder

- We have used a computing cluster to estimate these scripts
- The important scripts are the `tool-exec` bash scripts.
- Each of these `tool-exec` scripts and the scripts they run are located in separate folders
- Scripts run on `partyvar` level. For example, if you want to run the main left-right comparison, you set `partyvar='left'`.
- Scripts create a working directory called `[partyvar]` within the `temp` folder, into which the intermediate files are being created. Results are similarly output under `analysis_dates/output/[partyvar]` folder.
- **All final plots and tables are created in a different place (see `/final_estimation/` folder). Those final estimations depend on results estimated using scripts in `/cluster/analysis_dates/` folder. We have stored the estimation results in the folder, so it is possible to run also these final plots without first running scripts in `/cluster/analysis_dates/` folder**
- We provide some additional short README files containing relevant information in different folders.

Parameter	Description	Value	Description
partyvar	The party split used for the analysis. <code>partyvar='left'</code> runs the main left-right speech comparison.	left	left-right comparison
		govparty	government-opposition comparison
		leftnonamp	left-right comparison without SMP
		leftnonvennamo	left-right comparison without Vennamo
		demkesk	SDP-Centre Party comparison
		demkok	SDP-Coalition Party comparison
		kokkesk	Coalition Party-Centre Party comparison
		vasdem	Vas-SDP comparison
		vaskesk	Vas-Centre Party comparison
vaskok	Vas-Coalition Party comparison		

Parameter	Description	Value	Description
nr_datasets	into how many datasets data is split	10 by default	
cpar	determines which counts dataset is used	cadj (default)	speaker_phrase_counts_bipartisan_adj.rds (more procedural phrases removed)
covariates		empty	speaker_phrase_counts_bipartisan.rds
		c0	No covariates
		c1	controls for party's government-opposition status
		c2	controls for gov-opp status + dialect
		c3	controls for gov-opp status + dialect + gender
		c4	controls for dialect + gender
		c99	no controls, try a low value for the penalty coefficient ψ
	c100	no controls, try different values for the penalty coefficient ψ	
penalty	whether or not LASSO is used		
fake_indicator	placebo or not placebo		

tool-exec-1-prepare-data.sh

Description: Runs three different scripts that prepare covariates and split the datasets for the purposes of the main analyses.

[prepare-data-1.py](#)

Description: Create party indicators and dialect region variable; only keep the MPs that served in the parliament during the parliamentary year. Create id variable, which concatenates year and speaker_id. Note that speaker_id is not used for anything as such

Input: cluster/build_dates/output/mps-ministers.csv

Output: cluster/analysis_dates/input/speaker_metadata_bipartisan.csv

prepare-data-2.R:

Description: Do some small changes in data to better fit R way of doing things: make categorical variables factor variables. Drop MPs from Åland. Drop speech by parliament chair. Create `randlabel` variable, which is a randomly created party variable for the placebo tests.

Input:

- `cluster/analysis_dates/input/bow-qh-1907-2018-tf-25-df-5-ytf-5.csv`
- `cluster/analysis_dates/input/speaker_metadata_bipartisan.csv`

Output:

- `cluster/analysis_dates/temp/[partyvar]/speaker_metadata_bipartisan.rds`: speaker metadata and the specified party indicator
- `cluster/analysis_dates/temp/[partyvar]/speaker_phrase_counts_bipartisan.rds`: matrix with phrase counts only; `speaker_id-year` id as a row name

prepare-data-2b.R:

Description:

Filter out some more procedural language.

Input:

- `cluster/analysis/input/list-adjust-c2.csv`
- `cluster/analysis/temp_qh/[partyvar]/speaker_phrase_counts_bipartisan.rds`

Output:

- `cluster/analysis/temp_qh/[partyvar]/speaker_phrase_counts_bipartisan_adj.rds`

prepare-data-3.R:

Description:

Split data (both metadata and phrase count file) into `[nr_datasets]` different datasets (default = 10). There were some memory-related issues why I ended up using a split.

Add μ (nr of phrases spoken by a given MP during the year) into data

Input:

- `cluster/analysis/temp_qh/[partyvar]/speaker_phrase_counts_bipartisan_adj.rds`
- `cluster/analysis/temp_qh/[partyvar]/speaker_metadata_bipartisan.rds`

Output:

- `cluster/analysis/temp_qh/[partyvar]/speaker_phrase_counts_bipartisan_adj_1.rds`

- cluster/analysis/temp_qh/[partyvar]/speaker_phrase_counts_bipartisan_adj_2.rds, etc.
- cluster/analysis/temp_qh/[partyvar]/speaker_metadata_data_1.rds, etc.

tool-exec-2-estimate.sh

Description:

Chooses the main analysis program based on the covariates specified and runs it. If randlabel=1, computes the placebo series.

Input

Output:

- cluster/analysis/temp_qh/[partyvar]/utility_dem_[Cpar]_[dataset_nr].rds
- cluster/analysis/temp_qh/[partyvar]/utility_rep_[Cpar]_[dataset_nr].rds
- cluster/analysis/temp_qh/[partyvar]/utility_[Cpar]_[dataset_nr].rds
- cluster/analysis/temp_qh/[partyvar]/phi_[Cpar]_[dataset_nr].rds

tool-exec-3-combine.sh

Description:

Combine data from the nr_datasets datasets.

tool-exec-4a-subsample.sh

Description:

Estimates the partisanship series 100 times for a subsample of the data. A different program is executed depending on which covariates are chosen. Subsample is drawn randomly without replacement. Subsample size needs to be changed manually in the code, i.e., it is hardcoded in the subprogram but could well be improved by writing subsampling percentage into a variable.

tool-exec-5-cis.sh

Description:

Construct confidence intervals based on the distribution computed in 4a